

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

NISHIOKA et al.

Application No.: 09 092,652

Filed: June 9, 1998



Group Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: Ton, M.

FOR: OPTICAL ELEMENTS (SUCH AS VARI FOCAL LENS COMPONENT,
VARI-FOCAL DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND VARIABLE
DECLINATION PRISM) AND ELECTRONIC IMAGE PICKUP UNIT
USING OPTICAL ELEMENTS

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March 1, 2001

REPLY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 30, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse,
the Group I apparatus claims which currently are claims 1-26 and 40-48. Note that claim 40
is an apparatus claim and not a method claim as the Examiner suggested.

An early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: March 1, 2001

This is a reply in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim

- A. ☒ NOT made
B. ☐ Withdrawn
C. ☐ made herewith
D. ☐ made previously

For B & C
See **Required
Separate** Paper
(Pat-256)

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	110	**minus 119	0	x \$18/\$9 = + \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	11	***minus 34	0	x \$80/\$40 = + \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) add				+ \$270/\$135 = + \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: March 1, 2001		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$390/\$195 = (3 mos) \$890/\$445 = (Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) \$1390/\$695= (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos) \$1890/\$945=	+ \$0		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract			- \$0		
8. Extension Fee Attached			+ \$0		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee			+ \$110/\$55 + \$0 148/248		
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), add			+ \$180 126		
or if Rule 97(d) Request add			+ \$180 126		
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$710/355 + \$0 146/246		
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)			x \$710/355 ea + \$0 149/249		
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$710/355 + \$0 1179/1279		
14. Petition fee for			+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$0	

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This **CHARGE STATEMENT** does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately

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Intellectual Property Group

By Atty: G. Lloyd Knight

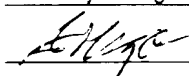
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